

## **OBSERVING SCHOOL SAFETY ZONES**

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Miami Beach area schools are beginning their school year and the Miami Beach Police Department wants to remind drivers to use caution and slow down while driving through school zones or face serious penalties

Miami Beach Police Department Radar Units and Motorcycle Units will be monitoring school zone areas keeping a watchful eye on drivers who are placing children at risk by exceeding the posted school zone speed limit. Motorists are advised to pay close attention to flashing school zone lights as well as posted signs. The flashing lights are timed to operate automatically when classes are in session. Here are some helpful hints that will aid motorists to keep our children safe as they begin the school year:

- Drivers should be observant of children as they walk or ride their bikes to and from school.
- Watch for flashing yellow lights in school zones that are activated when classes are in session
- Be aware of school signs that give the time the zones are in effect.
- Motorists need to be conscious of school buses as they stop to pick up and drop off children going and coming from school.
- Parents should instruct their children how to properly cross a street.